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Brodhead News

J. N. Marlow was here from Lexington last week. —George Frith of Madisonville, spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Frith. —Miss Ruby Cross, of Danville, visited relatives here last week and attended commencement. —Miss Rissle Smith, of Langdon School, Mt. Vernon, was at home from Saturday until Monday. —Egbert Bill Adams and Gilbert Hayes were down from Corbin Saturday evening to attend the play "Son John" at the school building. —Mrs. Geal Cox died at her home here Friday night, May 14, after a long illness of heart dropsy. She leaves a husband and several small children to mourn her loss. —Miss Mildred Robins, of Nicholasville, visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Watson from Wednesday until Monday. —W. H. Fish, C. C. Davis and C. D. Sutton were down from Mt. Vernon Friday of last week. —We are glad to report Mrs. U. D. Martin very much improved. —J. E. Wallen and R. H. Hamm purchased Oakland touring cars from Brodhead Real Estate Co., since last issue. —Mont Roberts was in Cedar Creek Sunday. —Mrs. U. B. Cass, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Elder attended the burial of Jack Mullins, at Quail Sunday. —Mrs. Etta Frith Brown was at home from Louisville Saturday and Sunday. —Mrs. Minnie Anderson, daughter, Miss Mattie Chesnut, Mrs. Floyd Miller and little daughter, Suella, Miss Virginia Crawford and Ben Purcell were down from Mt. Vernon Saturday afternoon. —Charles Brown moved his family to Livingston this week and J. A. Oliver moved to the house vacated by Mr. Brown on Silver Street. —Miss Ella Mae Coffey of Mt. Vernon, was a week-end visitor at the home of Miss Anna Belle Smith. —Mrs. W. F. Carter, Mrs. E. J. Terrill and son, Willard were in Mt. Vernon Wednesday of last week. —Annie Jeannette Middleton left Saturday morning for Columbia, Ky. —Misses Frances and Bess Sparks were here from Mt. Vernon Saturday. —Brodhead Band boys were greatly disappointed Sunday because they did not get to make the trip to High Bridge but the roads were in such a condition from High Bridge to Liberty and Greensboro, that the bands from those places were unable to travel there, therefore, the concert was postponed until a later date. —Mrs. Jess Wallen and daughter, Miss Lena, were in Mt. Vernon between trains Monday. —Mr. and Mrs. Cam Wilson, of Bee Lick, were here with their son, Josh Wilson several days last week. —W. A. Carson was in Mt. Vernon last week. —Prof. Jones, principal of the Livingston Graded School, attended part of the closing exercises of the school here last week. —W. G. McBee motored down from Mt. Vernon Sunday afternoon after his mother, Mrs. John Craig, who has been so very sick at the home of Hugh McBee on Main St. —Mrs. Chas. Brown and children returned to their home Saturday after a week's visit with relatives at Quail and Bee Lick. —Mr. and Mrs. Homer

Taylor visited Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, at this place latter part of last week. —C. H. Frith was in Mt. Vernon Monday. —Miss Rissle Oliver, who has been attending school at Berea, came home Sunday. —Mrs. J. R. Cass, and son, Bob, and daughter, Mrs. J. M. Roberts and children were in Stanford Sunday. —Misses Winnie Kell, R. Henrietta and Louella Forsee, who taught in the Graded school returned to their homes Monday morning. They will be greatly missed by their many friends made while their stay here. —Mrs. Mollie Durham, Miss Clyde Watson, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Durham and son, Austin, were with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Watson Sunday. —Rev. J. C. McClary, of Stanford, preached at the Baptist church Sunday. —Mrs. Frank Decker is in London with her sister, who is very sick. —Misses Sophia and Fannie Lear spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Sigmon. —Dave Harrison is here from Jamaica, Ind., on a two weeks visit to the families of her cousins, M. B. and Jack Luncford. A. M. Hiatt was in Lexington Friday. —Mrs. Mary Johnson was here from Greensboro Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Rash. —Prof. A. E. Strange is in Louisville this week. —Jack Mullins, of near Quail, committed suicide Saturday by cutting his throat with a razor. Bad health is supposed to have been the cause of this act. —Jack and M. B. Luncford are in Harlan county working. —A. E. Albright returned from Sunday South Tuesday and is very much taken with that country and is thinking of moving there. —Mr. and Mrs. Ap Taylor were in Louisville last week returning home Sunday with an attractive three year old boy, which they have taken from the Orphans home. —Mrs. A. E. Strange and daughter and son, Lina and William have gone to Columbia to spend the summer with relatives. —Squire F. F. Robbins was called to Mt. Vernon Tuesday to act as County Judge in the trial of Elmer Mullins for the killing of Mr. Roberts near the Jackson county line several weeks ago. Trial was continued until Saturday. Mullins was held under a \$3000 bond. —Charlie Sowder and son, Ed, were here from Quail Monday and Tuesday. —Little Miss Patsy Johnson, of Berea, visited Miss Clady and Master Edward Oliver from Sunday until Tuesday. —Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robins and children attended church at Wilmore's Chapel Sunday. —Kays, Pike and Childress returned from Washington, D. C., Tuesday where they have been attending the Southern Baptist Association. They report a nice time. The following spent a very pleasant afternoon at the home of Miss Selby Payne last Sunday. Misses Margaret Harris, Orla and Ollie Ponder, Messrs. Clyde Riggsby, Earl Leece, Arthur Adams, Bill Blanton and Morgan Wright. —Brodhead Band went to Lancaster Wednesday to furnish music at a lot sale. —Dr. M. K. Pennington will be at Dr. Carter's office in Brodhead, on Thursday, May 27th to do dental work.

Reminiscent Corner

By BOONWAY MAN

One of Rockcastle's noted churches was located about one third of a mile east of Brodhead at the ford of Boone's Fork creek which was widely known as "Boone's Fork Church." The building was a two story frame; the Masonic fraternity using the upper room for lodge purposes. In the late '70's the membership of both institutions changed the location, moving into a new building at Brodhead, the Mason's taking the usual second story.

The old church building was dismantled and moved away. The first tavern or hotel at Livingston was the Gresham, located on the Laurel side of the river. The next following was the Goodin house, after the railroad came in 1870. Then the Sambrook, the Mullins and Eight Gablos. We believe there was also a Livingston hotel, operated by the man for whom the town took its name. Prof. A. G. Lovell, (now doctor), came from Bedford, Indiana,

THE MARSHES OF GLYNN

Ye marshes, how candid and simple and nothing-with-holding and free
Ye publish yourselves to the sky and offer yourselves to the sea
Tolerant plains, that suffer the sea and the rains and the sun,
Ye spread the span like the catholic man who has mightily won
God out of knowledge and good out of infinite pain
And sight out of blindness and purity of a stain.

As the marsh hen secretly builds on the watery sod,
Behold I will build me a nest on the greatness of God;
I will fly in the greatness of God as the marsh-hen flies
In the freedom that fills all the space 'twixt the marsh and the skies;
By so many roots as the marsh-grass sends in the sod
I will heartily lay me a-hold on the greatness of God;
Oh, like to the greatness of God is the greatness within
The range of the marshes, the liberal marshes of Glynn.

—Sidney Lanier.

about 1879 to teach in the Whitehead Academy.

The Ramsey and Taylor, closely related, have been running a blacksmith shop in Mt. Vernon more than a hundred years. Pleas Ramsey, one in the line, had a shop on the corner of the lot where M. J. Miller's house is located. This blacksmith afterward located a shop on Jackey Maret's place in Garrard county, and later moved to Lexington to open a larger shop. The writer's brother served an apprenticeship in this Lexington shop in 1865-66. Thomas Taylor was a noted smith and was one of Mt. Vernon's best horse shoers.

Among the doctors who have practiced in Mt. Vernon: Dr. Joseph Joplin, father of Joseph and J. L. Joplin; he owned the farm where Tom Noe now lives. He died about 1878 at an advanced age. Dr. Bentley, Dr. S. W. and J. J. Brown, Dr. W. P. McKee, (now in Florida), Dr. E. J. Brown, Dr. M. Pennington, Dr. Daniel Boone Southard, Dr. S. C. Davis, Dr. Walker Owens, Dr. Chesnut.

Of the older merchants we remember Harrison Carpenter, D. N. Williams, M. J. Miller, J. W. Moore, Jack Adams, J. J. Williams, George Severance, M. F. Brinkley, J. H. Otter, Seth W. Paris, F. L. Thompson, Jonas McKenzie, Sarah Welch, J. E. Vowels. Of the list of sixteen all have passed over except three; two are living in Mt. Vernon and one in Boyle county.

The Mt. Vernon Christian Church building with Masonic lodge above, was erected during the 60's. Sam Thompson and G. B. Bragg were the builders. Mr. Bragg was the father of Mrs. Robert E. Thompson, of Crab Orchard.

Among the Mt. Vernon hotels of the past were the "Elkin," located where the residence of Judge L. W. Bethurum now stands. The "Smith," located on the corner now occupied by Fish's store, which was conducted by Thomas Smith, an uncle of the writer. The "Kirtley," on the spot where the residence of W. M. Poynter. This house was conducted by — Kirtley, the father of Mrs. Poynter. The Joplin house, operated by J. L. Joplin on the lot where Cox Brothers store now stands. This hotel was destroyed by fire in 1908. In this hotel was placed Mt. Vernon's first telegraph office, in 1862 by U. S. Government. The Newcomb hotel, conducted by M. P. Newcomb, was located on the spot now occupied by Rockcastle hotel. The Newcomb hotel, (under the name of the Miller house at the time) was destroyed by

fire on Washington's birthday.

Among the telegraph operators the writer put on the road from Mt. Vernon were: W. J. and R. L. Newcomb, Charles Van Arsdall, J. W. Stephens, (Berea), J. W. Slavin, (Texas), Vic Owens, M. C. Mille, (Glen Mary), B. P. Martin, (Rowland), J. K. Maret, (Fort Estill Junction), V. H. Bower, (Richmond), and others. The first operator to work the key in Mt. Vernon was smiling Johnnie Nagel, on government line 1862.

The writer has even a faint remembrance of his first visit to Mt. Vernon. He has been advised of having been taken on such a visit from Garrard county, when he was sixteen months old, (1856), to his grand mother's, the widow of General Wm. Smith, who died in 1849 and lies beneath one of the box tombs in the older portion of Elmwood cemetery. This relative owned and lived in the house in which H. J. Mullins died some months since, located on Dixie-Boone Highway, three fourths of a mile north of Mt. Vernon.

Jonas McKenzie is Mt. Vernon's oldest merchant, having been in business long before any of the present day business men of that town. H. C. Gentry has run blacksmithing the longest. J. W. Brown was practicing law when the writer came to Mt. Vernon in 1877. His numerous friends often called on him to cut their hair. This became a little tiresome. Yours truly called on him once; "he never called again." That head of hair didn't need cutting again for months. It was cut almost as closely as if a razor had been used. It was about eight years thereafter when C. C. Williams swung his law shingle to the breeze. Other legal practitioners were: J. K. McClary, Charles Kirtley and James Ransom S. M. Burdett and B. K. Bethurum. Later G. W. McClure, R. G. Williams, L. W. and B. J. Bethurum, Bodie Thompson, E. R. Gentry, Ashley Owens and others whom I cannot recall to mind.

Mt. Vernon undertakers the writer has known: I. E. Allen, Willis Griffin, George Owens and W. A. Cox. Druggists: W. T. Brooks, (now in Paris), W. M. Weber, J. L. Whitehead, M. C. Williams, Dr. S. C. Davis, Victor Beck, Theo Wesley, Sam Denham, C. C. Davis, Sheridan Bowman.

The White & Meyers Chautauque will be in Mt. Vernon for one week beginning July 7th. The merchants of this town are giving away a lot of seasons tickets. If you do not have one ask about them.

BASE BALL

REAL BASE BALL GAME

MT. VERNON WINS, 5 to 3

East Bernstadt Played Good Ball

Large Attendance and Great Enthusiasm

The base ball team of the Mt. Vernon Athletic Association defeated East Bernstadt team last Sunday in one of the fastest games ever staged in Mt. Vernon. Drew and Mooster were the opposing twirlers and both men played a good game. Drew had the visitors at his mercy at all times and only allowed them two hits. He would have won the game without letting the East Bernstadt boys score had it not been for some costly errors. Drew's pitching, the holding and hitting of Bowman, Davis, Murrell and Sparks featured the game. In the last half of the fifth inning East Bernstadt had credit for two runs, while our boys hadn't scored. Bowman got busy and sent the horsehide toward Maretburg for a total of three bases, scoring later on a single by Sparks. The second score for Mt. Vernon came in the sixth when L. Davis hit thru short, Drew sacrificed and Murrell tied the score by a Texas leaguer over third, Davis scoring from second. Mt. Vernon made three more runs in the eighth frame. East Bernstadt made one run in the first, third and ninth innings, on errors, making the final score 5 to 3.

Following is the score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
E Bernstadt	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mt. Vernon	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	3

Three base hit Bowman
Two base hit by Murrell
Struck out by Drew 15
Struck out by Mooster 11

Our boys are real ball players and they deserve the support of every fan in the county.

By an error the writup on the game Wildie vs. Mt. Veanon on Sunday previous was turned in by reporter too late for publication. It was a spirited and well-played game, resulting in Mt. Vernon's favor.

\$25,000 IS GIVEN TO TRANSYLVANIA COLLEGE

Athletic Field Fund Gets \$10,000 From Thomases and Woman's Dormitory \$15,000 For Unnamed Donor

Lexington, Ky., May 18.—Two big gifts to Transylvania College in connection with the Disciples' World Movement Campaign in Kentucky, which began May 9, were announced the past week, one of \$10,000 to the athletic field fund from Ben Allen Thomas and W. J. Thomas, of Shelby County, and the other of \$15,000 from a woman devoted to the interests of Transylvania and the Christian Church, but who believes in the scriptural injunction to "let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth," and whose name is not to be made public.

Ben Allen Thomas a student at Transylvania in the classes of 1909, 1910 and 1911. The death of his father made it necessary for him to leave school to take charge of the farm and he has made a splendid success of it. Two years ago he and W. J. Thomas, who is his uncle, and a curator of the college, gave \$62,000 in cash to Transylvania. Ben Allen Thomas was captain of

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J. A. Oliver was in our town over Sunday. We are always glad to see Joe. —Mrs. C. L. Hughes left Monday for Louisville for a short visit. —H. D. Magee was down from Corbin Monday on business. —R. B. Baker filled his regular appointment at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. —Mrs. Ellen Parker left Monday for Carnegie, Penn., where she will make her home. —Died, May 2, Mrs. Robert Thomas. She was Miss Sarah S. Whitaker before her marriage and was a grand daughter of R. G. Moore. She leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her death. The

remains were laid to rest in the Willis Russell Cemetery. —Mrs. C. L. Black and children are visiting Mr. Black's father near Mt. Olive, Laurel County. —H. C. Wolf, the tie man, was here between trains one day last week. —Died, last Monday, Mr. George Tankersly. He was a member of the Pleasant Run church for twenty years and a member of the Livingston Council No. 167, her home. —Died, May 2, Mrs. J. R. O. U. A. M. for eleven years. She was Miss Bales cemetery with Junior honor marriage and was a grand daughter of R. G. Moore. She leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her death. The

famous 1911 foot ball team, manager of the baseball team for a time and a member of the college's track team. He was one of the most popular students the college ever had.

It is probable that the athletic field will be named Thomas Field in honor of the donors of the \$10,000 fund for its equipment, to which the college will add a like sum to furnish a stadium and complete athletic equipment. The location is expected to be on the present North Broadway athletic field.

Mr. Thomas married Miss Vestina Bailey, also a Transylvania graduate, and they welcomed to their Shelby County home, April 20, Ben Allen Thomas, Jr.

The Kentucky Division drive for \$1,200,000 which was scheduled to end Sunday, will continue its campaign until June 1, if necessary to complete the quota.

While a large majority of the Christian Churches in the State accepted their quotas, and many of them have raised them, for local reasons in some cases, it was not possible for the churches to put on their campaign the last week, and these will hold their drives at a later date, some of them this week and others next week.

State Director Joseph W. Hagin preached in his own church in Covington Sunday, returning to Lexington Tuesday, to resume his campaign work. Dr. R. H. Crossfield left for New York Sunday night in the interest of the movement.

Dr. A. W. Fortune returned from Montgomery County Monday. He reported that Somerset Church in that county, whose quota was \$1,650, had raised \$2,228 and had not closed its work.

Dr. Homer W. Carpenter's church at Richmond has raised \$8,000. Its quota is \$7,000.

Other churches that have reported in part, but still are at work are: Antioch, Fayette County, \$540; Augusta, to date, \$225; Bridgeport, Franklin County, \$200; Mortonsville, Woodford County, \$1,000.

MARETBURG

Mr. and Mrs. Shack Gentry, of Mt. Vernon, visited Mr. and Mrs. James McCall, Sunday. —Mrs. Sallie Craig, of Willalla, is with Mrs. James McCall, who is very sick. —Mrs. McCall fell some four months ago and fractured her wrist which has mended very slowly and now seems to terminate in a serious break down. Dr. Owens is attending physician. —Mrs. Dolly Sowards is suffering from a dislocated knee cap caused by a fall. —M. F. Craig of Willalla, who is on the jury, stops with his sister Mrs. James McCall. —Mrs. Grace Wilmott and Mrs. Betson Hensley were in Mt. Vernon, Tuesday, having dental work done. —Mrs. Joan Sayers, of Spiro, spent Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. James McCall. —Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Owens occupy the Hamlin property. —Mr. and Mrs. L. T. McCall, of Stanford, spent Sunday with home folks

Miss Assie Owens, who has been a student at Brodhead is now with home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Owens. —Miss Ruby Houk writes from Groveland, Ga., that her school will close in June, when she will return to Kentucky. —Miss Anna Emerick is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Emerick, after being a pupil at Brodhead past term. —There will be Sunday school at Maretburg church each Sunday. J. G. Sowards, superintendents. Hoping a good attendance and may much good be done.

OTTAWA

Mrs. A. S. Minke is very sick. —Miss Riva Albright spent Sunday with Misses Bessie and Minnie Carson. —Mr. Troy Rich of Berea, was in Ottawa Sunday. —Arthur Dodd, who has been in Detroit, Michigan for a few months has returned home to spend the summer. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Loswell and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hayes were at Copper Creek Sunday. —Gilbert Hayes of Corbin spent Sunday with home folks. —Wavie Thompson has returned home from Lexington. —Mrs. S. Denny and daughters, Misses Liddle and Adelaide and Mrs. Dessie Bailey are visiting friends and relatives here. —Rev. McClary of Stanford gave a very interesting talk at Union Ridge church Sunday. He was accompanied by Granville Owens, of Brodhead. —Mr. and Mrs. John Laswell, and Misses Nellie, Pearl and Bettie Lou Purcell were in Berea Thurs. to see their father who is in the hospital there. —Misses Susie and Lizzie Barker spent Saturday night with Sarah Brown. —Mrs. Mattie Doan of East Bernstadt is with her parents here. —Miss Mamie Farris spent Saturday night with Miss Bess and Bertha Brown. —Miss Pearl Weaver of Brodhead was with her mother this week. —Maurice C. Brown spent Sunday with Wavie Thompson. —Misses Cora and Dovie Oliver spent Saturday night and Sunday with Pearl Thomas. —J. J. Albright spent Sunday with the family of John Norton, of Quail. —Albert Albright and Edgar Laswell attended church at Brodhead Sunday night. —Miss Lillian Cash was the charming guest of Miss Susie Cash of Brodhead Thursday night. —Willie Cash was up from Brodhead Sunday. —Misses Pearl Smith, Elva Albright, Lillid Cash, Minnie and Bessie Carson attended the funeral Sunday at Providence. —James Smith was at Negro Creek Sunday. —Rev. C. C. Metcalfe had the misfortune of getting his leg broken, two weeks ago. —Miss Cleo Gentry of Crab Orchard is visiting home folks this week. —Edgar Cash spent Saturday night with Leonard Thompson. —Sarah and Katie Barker spent Sunday with Grace Carson. —There is to be an all day gathering at Union Ridge Sunday May 30. Dinner on the ground and a few recitations by the little folks. Everyone is invited to come and bring lots to eat.